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As a concerned mother and Californian, I urge the San Luis Obispo County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to reject the Phillips 66 proposed rail spur. This project creates significant, unavoidable, and unnecessary risks for our communities and our climate.

WIR-01

Our rail system was designed to connect population centers, not move hazardous crude oil. Emergency responders are not prepared for these heavy, dangerous trains and current safety standards will not protect the public.

WIR-02

The San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors must reject the Phillips 66 Santa Maria oil train proposal.

Crude oil trains threaten the safety of families along rail routes. Across the US and Canada oil train derailments, spills and fires are increasing as the oil industry moves more crude oil by rail. On July 6, 2013 an oil train derailed and exploded in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, leveling the downtown and killing 47 people. Anyone within a mile of a rail line is within the dangerous blast zone if there is a derailment, spill, and fire.

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Tar sands also mean more carbon pollution. At every stage of the mining, transportation, and refining process, Canadian tar sands are more carbon intensive than other sources of oil. According to a 9/21/14 New York Times piece, "Global Rise Reported in 2013 Greenhouse Gas Emissions," by Justin Gillis, new numbers reported by scientists at a tracking initiative called the Global Carbon Project and published in the journal Nature Geoscience, indicate that global emissions of greenhouse gases jumped 2.3% in 2013 to record levels. In the U.S., emissions rose 2.9%. China's emissions (10 billion tons annually of atmospheric carbon dioxide, which is nearly twice what the U.S. produces ... though emissions per person are still far higher in the U.S.) grew 4.2%, and India's emissions rose by 5.1%. A separate report, released earlier in September by the World Meteorological Organization, said the 2013 level of atmospheric CO2 was 42% higher than the prevailing level prior to the Industrial Revolution. In addition, methane has increased 153% and nitrous oxide has risen 21% from their respective preindustrial levels. These figures clearly demonstrate that "vastly greater efforts are required to bring long-term global warming within tolerable limits." As Glen P. Peters, a scientist at the Oslo Center for International Climate and Environmental Research who helped compile the data, put it, "There is no more time. It needs to be all hands on deck now." If emissions continue to rise unabated at their current pace, scientists warn that, "the earth could warm by as much as 10 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial levels, which would likely be incompatible with human civilization in its current form."

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Bringing tar sands to California will undermine the state's efforts to be a global leader addressing climate disruption while simultaneously sabotaging global efforts to address an impending climate crisis.

Which side of history will the San Luis Obispo Board of Supervisors be on? ... the side that capitulates to the fossil fuels that are driving us headlong into this climate crisis? ... or the side that champions the clean renewable energy movement that is our only hope of extricating humanity from impending catastrophe?

Please say NO to the Phillips 66 oil train proposal ... and speed our state's and world's transition to an authentically clean energy future.

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